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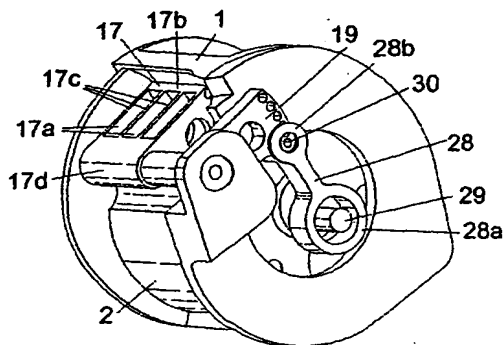
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(57) Abstract: A casing (1) of a rotary positive displacement machine with a circular cylindrical internal surface (3) delimits an operating chamber. A rotor (4) orbits about the axis of the internal surface (3). The rotor (4) has a circular cylindrical external surface (11), a generatrix of which is adjacent to the internal surface (3), a diametrically opposite generatrix being spaced from the internal surface (3). A vane member (17), mounted on the casing (1) and pivotable about a pivot axis parallel to the chamber axis, is accommodated in a fluid inlet/outlet aperture (18) in the casing, the vane member having a passageway (17a) communicating between the exterior of the casing and the operating chamber. The vane member (17) has an arcuate face (17b) coaxial with the pivot axis, end faces (17c) extending from respective lateral ends of the arcuate face (17b) towards the pivot axis, and a tip face (17d) adjacent the rotor (4), these faces (17b, 17c, 17d) being sealing faces with respect to corresponding surfaces of the aperture (18) and the rotor (4). A linkage (28) connects the vane member (17) to the rotor, the linkage being connected to the vane member by an articulation having an articulation axis (30) such that a plane containing the articulation axis (30) and the axis of the external surface (11) passes through the region of sealing contact.

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Rotary positive displacement machine with pivotable vane member and shutter mounted on the rotor ends

2. Claims: 1,8-14

Rotary positive displacement machine with pivotable vane member and slider around the casing

3. Claims: 1,19-23

Rotary positive displacement machine with pivotable vane member and rotor comprising a non-rotating part

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